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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 G.G., A.L., and B.S., individually and on
11 behalf of all others similarly situated,

12 Plaintiffs,

13 v.

14 VALVE CORPORATION, a
Washington corporation,

15 Defendant.

CASE NO. C16-1941-JCC

ORDER GRANTING THE
PARTIES' STIPULATED
MOTION TO SEAL

16 This matter comes before the Court on the parties' stipulated motion to seal documents
17 filed with Defendant's opposition to Plaintiffs' motion to remand (Dkt. No. 21). The Court starts
18 from the position that "[t]here is a strong presumption of public access to [its] files." W.D. Wash.
19 Local Civ. R. 5(g)(3); *see also Nixon v. Warner Commc'nns, Inc.*, 435 U.S. 589, 597 (1978).
20 However, a particularized showing of good cause will suffice to warrant sealing discovery
21 documents attached to non-dispositive motions. *Kamakana v. City and Cnty. of Honolulu*, 447
22 F.3d 1172, 1180 (9th Cir. 2006).

23 The documents in question are screenshots and printouts showing query results from
24 Defendant's "confidential sales database for the CS:GO 'skins' trade and sales data" discussed in
25 Defendant's opposition to the motion to remand. (Dkt. No. 21 at 2.) The Court finds the parties
26 have made a particularized showing of good cause to keep the exhibits sealed and agrees that

1 they should remain sealed because of their confidential nature. Therefore, the motion to seal is
2 GRANTED.

3 DATED this 27th day of January 2017.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE